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TITLE Establishment of a New Soviet Fuel Depot near Radensleben

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1. During the period from mid-August to early September 1951, it was observed that a Soviet fuel depot was being established on a 25-acre site near the railroad station of Radensleben (N 53/2 48). A total of 55 fuel containers was observed arriving by rail prior to 3 September. The containers, which were about 4 meters long, had a diameter of about 2 meters and were painted with an anti-rust coat of black paint, were hauled to the site of the new fuel depot.

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2. During the period from 25 August to 12 September, a total of 77 fuel containers about 4 meters long and 2 meters in diameter were shipped to the Radensleben railroad station for installation at the fuel depot under construction there. From the railroad station, the fuel containers were hauled on truck trailers towed by tractors toward Altfriesack (N 53/2 48). Construction work at the new fuel depot is supervised by the Soviet special construction bureau Kech in Neuruppin. Only reliable SED party members are employed for the construction work. According to them, the depot will have a capacity of 2,000 cubic meters. Work on the construction of a spur track branching off from the railroad line southeast of Radensleben railroad station in a southerly direction was begun. Excavation work at the new depot is being accelerated. *

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3. In early September 1951, [REDACTED] the construction work on a new fuel depot near Altfriesack is being done by the Bauunion East by its branch office in Neuruppin. The central office of the Bauunion East is in Fuerstenberg. In August 1951, the project was inspected three times by General Chuikov. During the time of observation, 50 German workers, all of them picked SED members, and most of them with party decorations, and some Russians supervised by an officer were employed on the project.

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4. On 18 September 1951, [REDACTED] besides a Soviet construction staff, three German engineers from Magdeburg were employed for the construction of a fuel depot near Altfriesack. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the depot is to be completed in October and will have a capacity of 5,000 cubic meters. *

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